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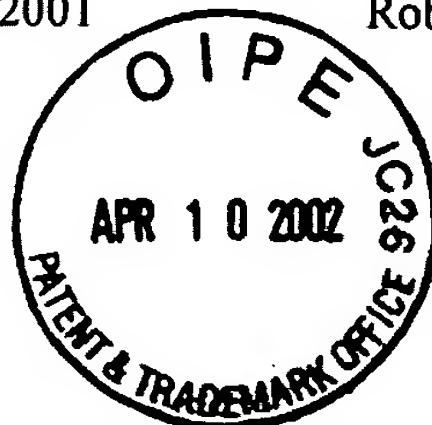


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
James Caughran
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Application No. 10/006,100

Filed: December 3, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PLASMA OPTIMIZATION IN
WAFER PROCESSING



Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Unit: 3723

Docket No. NOVEP015

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application--Filing Date Granted dated January 28, 2002, Applicants hereby attach a Declaration and Power of Attorney form signed by James Caughran, a Separate Letter to the Official Draftsperson with the formal drawings, and the copy of the Notice to be returned with this response.

Also attached is our Check No. 6639 for \$130.00 in payment of the surcharge. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. NOVEP015). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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